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1. Emil Bodnăras, Minister of National Defense, was absent from the Ministry for twenty-five days beginning in early February, 1950. All papers of the Ministry were signed by the Acting Minister, General Petre Borilă, Vice Minister of National Defense.
2. During this time Bodnăras did not appear at any celebrations or meetings. At the Ministry all inquiries were met with the statement that he was away on an inspection trip.
3. Seventeen high-ranking officers of the Ministry of National Defense were absent at the same time as Bodnăras. Some officials of that Ministry believe that Bodnăras and these officers went to Moscow. The purpose of such a trip, if it took place, is not known.

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